

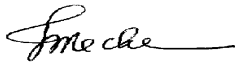


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Memorandum

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Notification of Audit – En-route
Center Computer Security and Controls, FAA
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To: Assistant Administrator for Financial Services, FAA
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The Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Control En-route Center Computer Security and Controls. This audit will be conducted at the William J. Hughes Technical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and selected en-route centers.

The objective of this audit is to determine whether en-route center operations are adequately secured to ensure the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of critical air traffic control systems. Specifically, we will determine whether (1) FAA has adequate management oversight of National Airspace System security and infrastructure protection to meet the requirements of Presidential Decision Directive 63; (2) network entry points into en-route systems are adequately secured and monitored; (3) proper technical, physical, and personnel security is implemented; (4) configuration management controls are in place to ensure that only authorized changes can be made to en-route systems, including local adaptations; and (5) adequate business continuity and contingency plans are in place.

We will contact your audit liaison to establish an entrance conference to discuss the audit. The Program Director for the audit is Rebecca Leng and the Project Manager is Nathan Custer. If you have questions, please call Rebecca Leng or Nathan Custer at 366-1496.

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